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## A Special Stamp To Be Issued For 300th ANNIVERSARY OF THE Introduction of Printing In America

Date: SEPTEMBER 25TH

It is very probable that the first day of issue will be New York City as on the date, September 25th, there will be opened at the Grand Central Palace in New York, the Fifth Educational Graphic Arts Exposition. This exposition will run from September 25th to October 7th.

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It is going to be a tremendous job to produce envelopes for all of these thirty-five different stamps in two colors and have same ready for delivery to our customers. It is for this reason that we make this advance announcement and can thus assure those who have their orders in early that sets will positively be reserved for them and delivered to them in ample time for first day use.

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Collectors desiring to do so may place orders now. It must be understood that those who have orders on our subscription plan will receive covers only as provided for under such subscription, either 6 of a kind, 15 of a kind or as their orders may read. We will however be glad to apply any credit such persons may have against sets of these covers if desired. We would however recommend that your orders be left as they are and that if you wish to order these sets and have your orders held for single issues that you so advise us in ordering. To those who wish to know what credit balance they have, we will be glad to advise them if you will send us an addressed postal card on which to forward you this information.

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Columbus, Ohio

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## Printing's Tercentenary

BY BOB RICHARDSON

THE announcement of the Post Office Department on July 20 that a stamp would be issued to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the introduction of printing into what is now the United States came as a surprise to most everyone. Even the Washington reporters who specialize in the so-called "inside dope" were taken unaware. President Roosevelt personally approved the suggestion for such a stamp and sent a memo of this to the Post Office Department; this being the first the stamp officials had known of it. The president made no recommendations regarding design. The stamp is expected to appear in connection with the opening of the Graphic Arts Exposition, an annual show, which opens in New York City on Sept. 25. It will be a purple three-center.

The first official announcement stated the first press was at the Harvard University museum, but on checking this we found the original press is in possession of the Vermont Historical Society at Montpelier, Vt. The University Press, Cambridge, Mass., is the present day successor to the shop founded in 1638 in the Massachusetts Bay Colony at Cambridge. Preparing for the tercentenary of the establishment of printing in British North America, Mr. Sidney A. Kimber of The University Press built a working model of the Daye press after much research. When restored in 1888 the original press had to have many parts replaced as they were missing. Original drawings of it did not exist and the restorers and modelers had to depend on descriptions of contemporary presses in manufacturing the missing items. The model press is now exhibited in the Massachusetts displays at the New York World's Fair and probably will become a feature attraction as a result of the stamp issue.

It is not definitely known in just which year, 1638 or 1639, the first press went into operation. Mr. Kimber published in 1937 a small volume titled "The Story of An Old Press" and subtitled it "An account of the hand press known as the Stephen Daye Press, upon which was begun in 1638 the first printing in British North America." Mr. Kimber's book gives as much detailed history of the first press and its operators as could be gathered. It includes a list of the

known works produced on the press up until the time a second press was brought to the Colony in 1659. This volume also includes detailed description of the construction of the press and illustrations of the parts used, as well as the method of operation. Copies of the book may be obtained of Mr. Kimber at \$1.50 and students of the background of their stamps as well as those interested in the mechanics of pioneer printers will find it interesting reading.

Stephen Daye was a mechanic of all sorts with scant knowledge of printing. He was apparently an indifferent speller and spelled his own name like the above and also "Steven Day." He was brought



under contract to Cambridge by the Rev. Jose Glover to set up and operate the press the minister had bought in England. On the trip over, the Rev. Glover died, but his wife continued his plans. Whether the press was first in operation late in 1638 or in March, 1639, is disputed, but it is known the press was set up in the home of the first President of Harvard College.

The first thing printed was "The Freeman's Oath" which the inhabitants had to sign, but of which no copy is known today. An almanac for 1639 was produced but no copies of it are known either. In 1640 was printed the famous Bay Psalm Book and copies of this are still in existence. Of later productions no copies are known, while of most but one copy is known. Stephen's son Matthew had been an apprentice in England to a printer and gradually took over operation of the press as Stephen was interested in other things. Stephen died in 1668 but his grave is lost and there is practically nothing known of his later life.

Matthew died in 1648 at the age of 29 and Samuel Green then became operator of the press. Green was one of the first group of settlers, whose arrival in 1630 was commemorated three cen-

turies later by the 2c Massachusetts Bay stamp. The press was owned or operated by the Green family until about 1778.

Printing was practiced in a different manner then than now. Time was of little importance in producing the work, and haste for that matter was almost impossible with the equipment which remained little changed for nearly two centuries. Presses of the same design and manner of operation as the Daye press remained in use until the latter part of the last century, differing chiefly that they were of metal, while the early one was built of wood. As a result of this long period of very slow change in manner of printing, the Daye press remained in operation for nearly two centuries. On it were printed some of our first newspapers, in fact it is possible the press might have been used to print the very first newspaper in British North America, *The Boston News Letter*, which was published at Boston in 1704 by the son of printer Green. The elder Green died in 1702 and after his death the press had been taken to Boston.

In 1714 another member of the Green family took it to New London, Conn., and in the 1770s the press was taken to Norwich, Conn. In 1778 it was moved again, this time to what was then Dresden, Vermont, and now is Hanover, New Hampshire. Later it was moved to Westminster, Vt., where in 1781 it was used to print the first newspaper in that state, *The Vermont Gazette or Green Mountain Post Boy*. This was a four-page paper, the page measuring  $7\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{4}$  inches. The traveling of the press, which probably was old when it was brought over in 1638, was typical of printing presses and the remarkable thing is that the press survived in identifiable form, and that its history remained known.

In 1832 the son-in-law of the proprietor of the first Vermont newspaper, bought the press and retired it from service by storing it in a barn. A group of journalists obtained possession of it and presented it to the Vermont Historical Society but it was stored in a room in the dome of the state Capitol, forgotten and neglected. In 1888 it was restored by the aid of Vermont journalists when the neglected press was "re-discovered." Many parts were missing and these were rebuilt as authentically as possible.

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So it appears that 1939 will see another U. S. commemorative stamp commemorating an event whose date is uncertain, though in this instance, unlike the Baseball Centenary, the difference is at most a matter of months. Printing's tercentenary is important to the United States as it was the daring of Colonial printers that had much to do with the demand for independence. What part Stephen Daye's press played in this is at most a matter of conjecture. The United States has been a principal, if

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only. In 1585 another had been set up in Lima, in the Spanish Vice-Royalty. Printers for many years were strictly limited in their productions and books were forbidden the commoner in many countries. The importation of presses was strictly limited in the early colonial possessions, as it was desired to limit manufacturers of all sorts to the home country. Russia seems to be the only country having issued stamps to commemorate a printer, issuing a pair of the same design as the one illustrated in 1934 to commemorate the death 350 years before of Ivan Fedoroff, first Russian printer. At the left of the design will be seen a press of the type used by Stephen Daye. Other countries have portrayed men who have been printers on their stamps, though not necessarily because they were printers. Honduras in 1930 issued stamps to commemorate the centenary of that country's first newspaper, the *Gaceta del Gobierno*, an official affair. The title page is illustrated on the stamp. Mexico has announced its intention to commemorate with a stamp the fourth centenary of its press, though the announcement seems premature as the anniversary is five years away. Germany promised a stamp for Gutenberg Day this year. Because the first printers were hounded by restrictive laws and intolerant officialdom, data on most of them is so meager that this probably accounts for the few stamps issued commemorating the invention and introduction of printing.

### 3c Hawaiian and 3c Stuart Withdrawn

At the close of business July 31, at the Philatelic Agency the 3c Hawaiian Territorial commemorative was withdrawn. The stamp was first issued October 18, 1937, at Honolulu and is the first to be sold out of the four stamps publicizing the territories of the U. S. At the same time the Agency withdrew from sale the 3c regular issue of 1932. This is the stamp issued in June, 1932, with a modified design of the 2c of the Washington Bicentennial issue, and which replaced the 3c Lincoln of the 1922-33 design. As the Agency had this stamp in sheet form as well as horizontal and vertical coils, it is not certain by the wording of the notice if the coils were also withdrawn.

At the CYTRA exhibition recently at Buenos Aires, Atlantic City Stamp Club members won several prizes. Jacques Kilcher won the Grand Award with gold medal for Swiss entered, Seward G. Dobbins won a silver medal for U. S., Ralph F. Holdzkom and Dr. Edward F. Uzzel each a bronze medal for their entries.

The Lafayette (Ind.) Philatelic Society has issued a blue and red poster stamp picturing the 1859 balloon flight from that city to advertise their September 22-24 exhibition.

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Jack Schildhouse, Inc., 30 Colonial Arcade, Cleveland, O., has just issued a large 32 page list of sets, miniature sheets, first day covers, and accessories, featuring pictorial sets. A copy will be sent on receipt of a card requesting a copy.

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### Cuban Rocket Stamp

According to the *Airpost Journal*, Cuba is expected to issue the first official rocket mail stamp for an experimental flight on October 10. A number of rocket flights have been made during the past seven or eight years, but all stamps used were private creations. It is proposed to reprint the first Cuban airmail stamp, the 1927 5c, in green instead of the original color of blue, then overprint the stamp with appropriate inscription. The rocket will attempt to carry mail between the Provinces of Havana and Matanzas, and will be the first attempt of the sort in Cuba. Professor A. V. Funes is designer of the rocket and Dr. Thomas A. Terry, Cuban aero-philatelist, is chairman of the committee in charge of the flight.

• Canadians must pay 6c per half ounce on letter mails to many points in the British Empire as such mail is carried exclusively by air to points beyond England. This is more than double the former rate for mail via surface transport of 3c per ounce. A 6c stamp can be expected to be added to the present series, unless Canadian officials permit use of the 6c air mail.

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## Commemorative Stamp Facts

BY CAPT. A. C. TOWNSEND

### THE 2c ARMY-NAVY

These were issued on January 15, 1937, the 2c Army with pictures of Andrew Jackson and Winfield Scott and the Navy 2c with those of Stephen Decatur and Thomas MacDonough.

Andrew Jackson, or "Old Hickory," was born in South Carolina on March 15, 1767, of an Irish immigrant father. He held various public offices, and found his great opportunity in the War of 1812 when, as a Major General, he was in command of the Dept. of the South and made his celebrated defense of New Orleans against Sir E. Pakenham whom he defeated with a loss of 2,600 men against 8 Americans. The battle was fought on Jan. 8, 1815, although a treaty of peace had been signed on the previous Dec. 24th. Jackson was elected President and served two terms. He died at Nashville, Tenn., June 8, 1845.

Winfield Scott, veteran of three wars, called by his men "Old Fuss and Feathers," on account of his strict military discipline and adherence to ceremony, was born at Petersburg, Va., June 13, 1786. He rose during the War of 1812 from Lt. Colonel to Brig. Genl. He prepared modern army regulations and was commander of the army in the War with Mexico. He won brilliant victories and was made a Lieut. General. He was in command of the army at the outbreak of the Civil War but retired for age Nov. 1, 1861, and died at West Point on May 29, 1866.

Stephen Decatur was born in Maryland on Jan. 5, 1779. In the War with Tripoli he distinguished himself by taking a small vessel, the Intrepid, into the harbor of Tripoli and setting fire to the Philadelphia, which had been captured. He safely retreated under heavy fire from shore batteries and had not a man killed and but one wounded. His other great feat was the campaign against the Barbary States, which for long years had levied tribute on Christian nations. He made Algeria, Tunis and Tripoli sign treaties giving up all future tribute as well as paying for past damages and releasing all American prisoners. He died in a duel at Bladensburg, Md., March 22, 1820.

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Thomas MacDonough was born in Delaware, Dec. 23, 1783. He also served in the War with Tripoli and was a member of Decatur's party in his great feat. In the War of 1812 he was commanding the American fleet on Lake Champlain, and on Sept. 11, 1814, won a signal victory over the British fleet, saving New York and Vermont from British invasion. He was made a Captain and given a medal and estates. In 1824 he was made commander of the Constitution, on which he died at sea, Nov. 18, 1825.

100,000,000 of each of the 2c stamps were ordered printed in shades of red, the 2c Army from plates 21608-09-10-11 and the 2c Navy from plates 21612-13-14-15. Washington, D. C. was the first day city and 292,570 first day covers were canceled on January 15, 1937. Actual number issued of the two stamps, issued for over a year was: 2c Army 93,848,500 copies and 2c Navy 92,054,550.

### Conflagration At Baltimore

In addition to the many other attractions at the S. P. A. Convention, at Baltimore, it is planned to have a Conflagration of the Visiting Firemen of Philately. The hose and hook-and-ladder companies and prospective new members will convene at 10:30 P. M., Friday, August 25, at the Lord Baltimore Hotel (Convention Headquarters). Fire Chief Ben Nevison of Detroit, Hydrant Tender Bill McCloud of Cleveland and other officers will be on hand. S. P. A. Vice-President Vining has promised the firemen special equipment for their Conflagration.

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## Editor's Notebook

**AUCTION TERMS** Further on the subject of U. S. auctions vs. foreign sales, we wonder if others have noticed the difference in manner of listings? Particularly the descriptions? American houses do their best to describe the items so that the mail bidder can have a clear picture of just what he is bidding on. That can not be said of many, if not most, of foreign catalogs. Outside of the high-priced items illustrated, the mail bidder wanders practically blindfolded through the catalog. Generally all he knows is that lot such-and-such contains the stamp he wants but whether it is lightly cancelled or off-center is not mentioned; neither is he certain it is a fine copy. How such descriptions can be fair to either the owner or the bidder is not clear. Imagine how to bid on something described as "Bosnia, the good collection including the 5 kr. 1910—98 stamps." No catalog value is given you will note. Unless the floor bidders get into compe-

tion on such a lot, the owner is going to get small return on that lot. So wherein lies the greater advantage of the foreign sale? Foreign sales freeze out the small bidder as they generally do not list the medium scarce stamps separately.

Descriptive terms will always differ in meaning among collectors and dealers and that is the chief criticism by American bidders at American sales. Some of this is justified, but a lot of it is not as bidders simply do not bother to read the auctioneer's definitions of terms used in describing. To obtain a uniformity in descriptions may not be impossible but it will be unlikely any ever will be attained. But before we start a big argument on this subject, maybe we'd better shush.

—R. R.

## Perfs and Imperts

**AUGUST DIETZ IS NO SLOUCH** AS a lobbyist. After some months he finally rounded up enough interest and support to have his project of a stamp commemorating the tercentenary of the first American printing press come romping home with the bacon. Now who is going to be first to suggest that souvenir sheets of the stamp be run off on the late Stephen Daye's type-smashing contrivance of the days when redskins outnumbered the pale-faces down Massachusetts way?

**IT'S SAID THAT THE VERY** worst thing to do is to spell incorrectly a person's name. So our regrets to Messrs. Chris Olislager, Daniel Cunningham and Joe Leman, who after all their hard work judging the KenMore Catalog contest had us misspell their names when we printed the judges' pictures. Some places they perforate editors for less than that!

**THE BINGHAMTON PHILATELIC** Society's Year Book is at hand and the dozen or so mimeographed pages contain some good suggestions for other club publications. We note two to four-line resumes of each meeting; a financial report that anyone can understand; and two to four line candid descriptions of each member; as well as a list of nearby clubs and their meeting dates.

**THE S. P. A. BALLOTTING** THIS year will result in no scandals. Ballots go to a bank vault, from which they are to be removed under escort of a committee and counted under eyes of all concerned.

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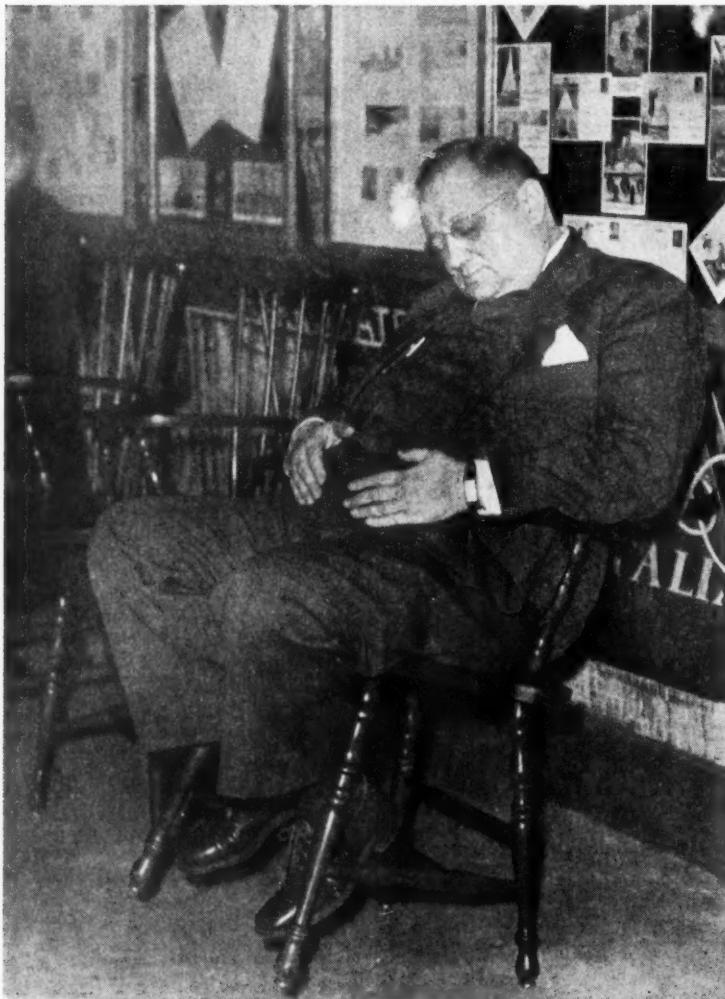
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## Vice President Shows How It Is Done



The photo illustrated herewith is that of Vice-President Rollin Flower of the A. P. S., listening intently to a discussion at a recent meeting of the Kenmore Philatelic Society. It is claimed Mr. Flower,

a candidate for the Presidency of the A. P. S., has thereby proven his qualifications for that position as it will be seen he can stick out the driest speech without becoming bored or tired.

## AUCTION CALENDAR

August 23—U. S. Foreign Airmails. M. Amiel, Box 1903, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Aug. 24—General Sale. Cosmos Stamp Co., 116 Nassau St., New York City.

August 25—S. P. A. Convention Sale. Lambert W. Gerber, 200 Rowe, Tamaqua, Pa.

• The designs of Finland's 1940 Olympic Games commemoratives are being featured in a current news service photo shown in store windows.

## CHIPEX At Chicago

The Central Federation of Stamp Clubs are preparing for their Chicago Philatelic Exhibition and Bourse to be called CHIPEX. The affair will be held February 16, 17 and 18, 1940, at the Hotel LaSalle, Chicago, Ill. 600 frames will be entered. Further details may be obtained by writing CHIPEX at Room 210, 180 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.

• Perkinsville, Arizona, will no longer have a post office after August 31.

## Chinese Constitution Series

It appears after all that the series of four stamps China has promised in connection with the sesquicentennial celebration of the United States were finally issued with the purpose of issue unchanged. The report of the U. S. Commercial Attache printed in August 5 LINN'S on page 637 can be disregarded by collectors of Constitution issues as the Chinese Post Office has issued an official notice to its postal employees and the public that the series is in commemoration of the Constitution. We quote: "The public is hereby notified that Commemoration Stamps for Celebration of the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the Adoption and Promulgation of the Constitution of the United States of America, consisting of four denominations: 5 cents, 25 cents, 50 cents and 1 dollar, will be placed on sale at all postal establishments from the 4th July, 1939. These commemoration stamps may be obliterated by a postal dater at the time of purchase, if so desired." This notice, reprinted in the *Asia Stamp Journal*, states further the stamps will remain on sale until March 31, 1940. They will cease to be valid for prepayment of postage after April 30, 1940. For the next six months, or until October 31, 1940, the post office will exchange other stamps of equal face value for these.

## Siam Changes Its Name

On June 24th the Kingdom of Siam celebrated the first anniversary of its new constitution with a set of five stamps picturing the hall of the National Assembly at Bangkok. At the same time, the country decided to change its name to "Thai" which means "free." The name Siam comes from the Manchu or Chinese and was not of native origin. So future issues of stamps will be inscribed "Thai" or "Thailand."

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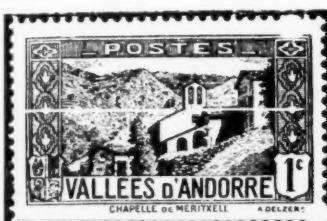
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**ANDORRA**—French Administration. The under-noted values of the current set have been issued in new colors:



A51—40c. brown  
A51—45c. green  
A51—50c. purple  
A51—75c. ultramarine  
A53—90c. deep green  
A53—1fr. dark blue  
A50—1.25fr. carmine-rose  
(Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News)

**ANDORRA**—Spanish Administration. The under-noted Spanish Air Mail stamps have been adapted for use here:

1P. violet  
2P. orange  
(Stamp Collecting)

**AUSTRALIA**—Mr. Harry N. Holmes advises that the "unsurcharged" paper mentioned in our notes of June 24th, means "Unsurfaced" paper, on which the 3d. stamp of this country is now being printed. We thank Mr. Holmes for his cooperation.

**BELGIUM**—Orval Abbey Restoration Semi-Postals. Two lower values are upright 27½x43mm., next two horizontal 43x27½mm., while the two highest values are horizontal 56x38½mm. Photogravure, unwmkd., perf. 11½. Four lower values are in sheets of 100 (10x10), while the other two are in sheets of 25 (5x5):

75c. plus 75c. olive  
1fr. plus 1fr. carmine  
1.50fr. plus 1.50fr. brown  
1.75fr. plus 1.75fr. blue  
2.50fr. plus 2.50fr. mauve  
5fr. plus 5fr. maroon  
(Columbus Postage Stamp Company)

**BRAZIL**—New Watermark. Add the following to the set chronicled by us July 22nd:

476—1,000r. turquoise-blue

Also the under-noted Air Post Stamp has been issued on paper with the same watermark as above. Typographed, perf. 11½x11:

AP9—3,000r. violet  
(Scott's Monthly Journal)

**Pictorial**. Upright rectangular format, 29x33, engraved, wmkd., "Correio Brazil," perf. 11:

1,200r. purple (View of Rio de Janeiro)  
(R. Roberts)

**BULGARIA**—9th Athletic Congress Commemoratives. Issued in honor of the Congress held in Sofia in July:

1L. yellow-green (Athlete on horizontal bar)  
2L. rose-red (Athlete with uplifted dumb-bell)

4L. brown (Discus Thrower)  
7L. deep blue (Toe Dancer)  
14L. red-violet (Weight Lifter)  
(L. A. Russell)

**CAPE JUBY**—Postage. New postage values of the same designs as the four recently issued for Spanish Morocco, but they vary distinctly in shade, overprinted "CABO JUBY" in black:

5c. scarlet  
10c. dark green  
15c. dark brown  
20c. deep blue  
(Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News)

**CHILE**—High Value. To go with the 2p. noted by us May 20th, and others of same set noted previously. Wmkd., star in shield mult. perf. 14. Issued July 22nd:



\$5.00 olive-green (Lago Villarrica)  
(California Collectors Club)

**CAMEROONS**—150th Anniversary of the French Revolution Commemoratives. Semi-Postals. Large horizontal rectangular format. The surtax is for the Defense of the Colonies. Denomination and Country name are in black:

45c plus 25c. green  
70c. plus 30c. brown  
90c. plus 35c. red-orange  
1.25fr. plus 1fr. rose  
2.25fr. plus 2fr. blue

(R. Roberts)

**CAPE VERDE**—Presidential Visit Commemoratives. Upright rectangular format, 29½x39½mm., offset printing, unwmkd., perf. 11½x11:

80c. purple or lilac (Map of Africa)  
1.75E. blue on blue (same)  
20E. brown on buff (same)

(R. Roberts)

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA**—Correction. The 1kr. claret, noted in our chronicle of July 29th, as type A55, should be type A60.

**Protectorate Overprint**. The under-noted values have been overprinted "PROTEKTORAT BOHEMEN UND MAHREN":



A29—5h. dark ultramarine  
A29—10h. brown  
A29—20h. red  
A29—25h. green  
A29—30h. Red-violet  
A63—40h. dark blue



A85—50h. deep green  
A58—60h. dull violet  
A60—1kr. rose-lake  
A64—1.20k. rose-lilac  
A65—1.50k. carmine

A79—1.60k. olive-green  
A66—2kr. dark blue-green  
A67—2.50k. dark blue  
A68—3kr. brown  
A70—4kr. dark violet  
A71—5kr. green  
A72—10kr. blue

(Stamp Collecting)

**ESTONIA**—Health Resort Commemoratives. Horizontal rectangular format. Issued in celebration of the Centenary of the city of Parnu:

5s. green (Rest House)  
10s. deep lilac (Beach Hotel)  
18s. red (same as 5s)  
30s. deep blue (same as 10s)

**Minature Sheet**. The above four stamps have been printed in a sheet of four.

(Whitfield, King & Co.)

**FRANCE**—Semi-Postal. Upright rectangular format. Perf. 13, unwmkd.



40c. plus 60c. brown ("The Letter")

**Mariners' Charity Semi-Postal**. Upright, rectangular format, unwmkd., engraved, perf. 13: 70c. plus 30c. plum (Woman & Children)

(L. A. Russell)

## MINT SETS British Colonials

KenMore's Number	Number in Set	Per Set
192—4 Canada	(3)	.40
195-201 Canada	(7)	.65
205—7 Canada Coils	(3)	.10
217—25 Canada	(9)	.75
217—27 Canada	(11)	2.50
228-230 Canada Coils	(3)	.10
Al—5 Canada Aids	(5)	.45
D15-18 Canada Dues	(4)	.20
50—55 Cayman	(9)	2.35
64—68 Cayman	(5)	6.00
69—77 Cayman Tercents	(9)	4.00
85—93 Cayman to 1/ Pict.	(9)	1.50
85—96 Cayman ep.	(12)	14.25
155-161 Ceylon	(7)	1.65
200—12 Ceylon	(10)	2.50
235—40 Ceylon	(6)	1.50
264-274 Ceylon ep.	(11)	1.75
O44-49 Chamba	(6)	.40
48—60 Cook Islands	(13)	3.50
74—5 Cook Islands	(2)	2.00
78—79 Cook Islands	(2)	.40
80—3 Cook Islands	(4)	13.00
91—97 Cook Islands	(7)	.75
109-113 Cyprus	(5)	.30
114-115 Cyprus	(2)	.10
114—22 Cyprus Anniversary	(9)	6.50
125-133 Cyprus Tourist to 9Pi	(9)	1.50
125-135 Cyprus Tourist ep.	(11)	4.75
35—9 Dominica	(5)	1.90
69—73 Dominica	(5)	.45
69—77 Dominica	(9)	1.50
31—39 E. Africa, Uganda	(9)	2.50
92—8 Egypt	(7)	.50
193—7 Egypt	(5)	.25
54—60 Falkland to 1/8	(7)	2.50
54—64 Falkland ep.	(11)	22.50
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## FAKES

The time has arrived when publishers of the Bureau Print catalog should take the bull by the tail or the cat by the neck and do something more drastic than a lot of hedging around. In all stamp fields where catalogs are issued you will find the listing of fakes or counterfeits, that is save the Bureau Print catalog. This would leave the novice believe that no fakes exist in this field, which is not the case. Facts of the matter are the publishers abetted by some larger dealers have actually sidestepped the issue for a long while for fear that the listing of such items would hurt the hobby, and feeling that by doing so few would be hurt since most dealers know of such fakes and protect their customers. I believe such a view is now without much foundation and I do not know of any branch of philately that is more sturdy and strong than the Bureau Print field. The number of fakes are VERY FEW, but some of them have been in circulation for a long time and are scattered hither and yon and so for the protection of the collector buying from another collector or a general stamp dealer who often come by such stamps in buying out entire holdings, an accurate and reliable description of such items should be included. We have kept this matter under wraps long enough; the swaddling clothes should be discarded. Bureau Prints can stand alone. More harm can be done now by withholding this information than by printing it.

## NOTES

Lawrence Bros. have published a Presidential Bureau Print catalog which is also their price list. Differing from the other catalogs in that it is priced on a 50% discount basis. Since the trend is toward having all precancel catalogs on a NET basis it is hard to see just why the boys have priced their cat in this manner.—The Fulton, N. Y., 102 in pairs are priced way up but there must have been at least one mailing made with these stamps in pairs as I know of such a pair coming through the paper mill.

## AUCTION PRICES

It is the belief that in the higher bracket stamps the prices obtained in auctions help determine the catalog value of the stamps sold. If this is true then there is little wonder for the many inequalities that exist in the several catalogs. To my left-handed way of thinking the only thing about an auction sale of a stamp that should be taken into consideration is the number of bidders on the stamp and by no means the price the stamp sold for. Let us take for instance a stamp cataloguing \$15, there is one red hot bidder, one warm one and several luke warm. The red hot bidder shoots the works and the

stamp is sold for \$20. Right away many clamor for a \$20 catalog value on the stamp and often are appeased. But later items offered of the same stamp with the red hot bidder no longer interested sees the stamp sold for \$10 or twelve dollars. Which proves nothing as to the real value of the stamp. The first bid was no doubt too high and the low bid was too low. So I say auction prices should be discounted greatly unless there is a consistent sale of a stamp at a figure different than the catalog price and over a reasonable period of time.

## THE CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Precancel Stamp Society will be held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland, August 18 to 21. To non-members a cordial invitation is extended to come and view the exhibit, deal at the bourse or swap as catch can. About the only thing closed to non-members is the business session of the meet. Come and see a real convention.

## Business Reply Meters

Recently the Post Office Dept. authorized the use of meter impressions to prepay postage on return envelopes addressed to the holder of the meter permit. Such envelopes are to bear the usual impression of the meter and must bear the printed address of the meter firm sending out the envelopes with above the address the inscription: "No postage stamp necessary—Postage has been prepaid by:" Postal clerks when encountering such envelopes are directed to postmark them over the meter. If the user scratches out the printed address and attempts to send the envelope to someone else, postage due is to be collected by holding the letter and notifying the sender.

Since Barbados' post offices were closed on the exact date of the tercentenary of the establishment of the General Assembly, because it was a holiday, the stamps commemorating the event did not become available to the public until the following day.

UZ is the name of a post office being discontinued on August 31. It is in mountainous Letcher County, Kentucky, and hereafter its customers will receive mail by way of the post office of HOT SPOT.

The Chicago Philatelic Society has a balotecon and has used it to good advantage at many a program for projecting the images of stamps, etc., on a large screen.

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## Spanish Refugees Stamp

The French government is giving the Spanish refugees special stamps for use on their correspondence. The 90 centimes blue stamp of the Peace design illustrated has been issued to these people, bearing the overprint "F" which signifies "Franchise." This is the foreign



postage rate and should become a common stamp as hundreds of thousands of the refugees are on French territory. Each refugee will be allotted two stamps per month. This step was taken to supply them with postage that they may contact friends, as the paper currency of the republic they brought on their flight to French soil is now worthless and most are destitute.

With the addition of Wilmington, Delaware, to Experimental Non-Stop Pick-Up and Delivery Air Mail Route No. 1001 all 48 states of the U. S. now have regular air mail service. Delaware was the last state to receive service.

—*Airpost Journal*.

New Kensington, Pa., finally was added to the new air-mail pickup route on July 2 as Leon C. Young of Springfield, Mass., and others report covers. A June 30 newspaper of the Pennsylvania city had indicated there might not be such a flight, due to dispute over who was to foot the bills.

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# BROADWAY CHATTER

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There have been various rumors going about here in New York as to the reason why Iceland, after issuing three New York World Fair Stamps should suddenly go ahead and print another value to this set. The explanation as given by the Icelandic commission to the New York World Fair was that the stamp was never intended to commemorate the New York World Fair, rather to honor Thorfinnur Karlsefni, a famous explorer who attempted to settle in the Americas, 1004-07 A. D. An error on part of the printers made this a part of the World Fair issue. The Iceland postal authorities upon discovering this, immediately ordered the destruction of the entire issue, but somehow 35 sheets of 50 had been released and couldn't be recalled. The authorities then ordered a printing of 50,000 stamps bearing the erroneous description to prevent speculation. Iceland therefore, kept faith with the philatelic world.

For the first time in recent months many New York dealers had a smile on their faces. The reason for this as explained by all of them was that the China and Turkey Constitution stamps had finally arrived and that they were able to satisfy those irate customers of theirs who have been complaining about delivery for so long. The initial shipment was immediately snapped up and these dealers are awaiting the arrival of further supplies.

An interesting point to bring out at this time is the fact that the Chinese Government was flirting with various New York dealers offering them the entire issue of these Constitution stamps at 10% below the current rate of exchange. The offer was turned down by every dealer who was approached on this proposition. This in a way accounts for the delay of the stamps. But one can hardly blame the Chinese Govern-

ment for trying to get the most money at one time. The reason for the refusal to handle these stamps as given by the New York Dealers was that Scott's recognition would not be given if the entire issue was handled by one dealer.

The Orval Abbey set which just arrived is another beautiful set of adhesives put out by Belgium. As we commented before this set was sold by advance subscription only. The entire printing of 60,000 sets was completely sold out the first day of issue. New York dealers received a liberal supply of these stamps but, because of their beauty this shipment did not last long.

The Belgium Railway Commemoratives which were released at the same time, completely sold out in the first three hours of sale. There was thirty thousand sets printed and there will be no reprinting of this set. The wholesale price has already skyrocketed in Europe. New York dealers received a limited quantity of this issue. This set, it seems will be the subject of heavy speculation.

The first release of advance pages of the new Scott's 1940 catalogue made its appearance. Dealers in N. Y. were divided on their opinion on the relative merit of Scott's new system of numbering stamps, out of respect to their customer. Dealers dislike the idea that some of their customers will have to remount their collections in order to conform with the new Scott catalogue. The most important feature, at this time however, is the new valuations given to the stamps. Scott's are following KenMore's idea in listing stamps nearer their actual selling price, than by just putting a catalogue value on them that would be subject to great discounts.

## Brown Ribbon Race

For the fourth year the German postal service has issued a stamp to commemorate and finance the Brown Ribbon Race at Munich. The stamp again was of the 1.50 marks denomination, 42 pfennig being postage value and 108 pfennig being contributed to the Brown Ribbon Purse of 100,000 marks. The race was run on July 30 and won by the French-owned horse Goya which was ridden by a British jockey. The design of the stamp, which was issued July 12, is that of a heroic type statue of a youth and a team of rearing horses.

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• A navy post office was ordered established on the USS Spearfish effective July 17.

# Linprint Booster Page

## Our Busy Season

Thus far the summer season has been rather dull with us, but from now on we are going to be jumping both ways at once. With the Ken-More Katalog of British Stamps to print and this year it is to be pretty well on toward 400 pages, and on top of this, envelopes for all the coming new stamps are being designed and drawings and pictures selected for them. Right now there are in the offing, 37 announced stamps. We expect to print approximately a half million envelopes for these stamps and doubtless before they are done, there will be others announced. All these to be in two colors so that means a full million impressions on our job presses. If you have ever fed a million envelopes through a press by hand then you know what the job amounts to. Sure, we feed all our envelopes on a hand fed press and that is the principal reason why Linprint Envelopes are neatly printed, why the colors match up and why the envelopes have a much more attractive appearance than most two color envelopes, for quantity production on automatic presses, especially on envelopes after they are made up, usually results in unsatisfactory work if you are particular about what you buy.

Before we have these items out of the way the fall and winter season will be with us and every indication points to a brisk fall and winter business.

## A Beautiful Stamp Store

I recently made a trip to Cincinnati to visit my good friend Phil Weiss who operates the Queen City Stamp & Coin Co. Phil is getting ready for a big celebration next year. As he figures it and he has two old Philatelic Magazines with his advertisements in them, he is probably the oldest dealer in point of actual years in business, in the stamp trade in America. Phil will have given 50 years service to the stamp trade next year and in that time he has been a model dealer, a dealer whom it would be well for other dealers to pattern after in many ways. If we had more dealers who have had the good of the hobby at heart as has

Phil Weiss, the trade would benefit greatly from such a situation.

Next year Phil will celebrate his Golden Jubilee as a stamp dealer and that is an achievement of which any man can well be proud. A big celebration is being planned at which will be invited his friends from all over the United States and many of the present day dealers and collectors will be at this event.

What interested me most on this recent visit was the enlarged and beautiful new sales rooms of the Queen City Stamp Co. Two large rooms, each about 20 feet square are devoted wholly to counter sales and display of stamps. We have never seen a stamp sales room anywhere in America that is so fully equipped, so modern and has such a complete line of stamps and accessories on display as is shown here. Mr. Weiss prides himself on his stock of RAP-KIN albums which is the most complete in America and besides these he handles all other popular makes.

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## The Stamp Press

Under the above heading in "The Stamp Wholesaler," Victor W. Rotnem has been discussing the Stamp Press from various angles. It is our hope that Mr. Rotnem will continue along the lines that his present articles have indicated. We especially like his remarks about circulation of stamp papers. This is the most important point for every advertiser, yet we feel that too many advertisers place their advertising copy because a paper looks pretty to them. Circulation, and circulation alone is the most important point that every advertiser should look into before placing advertising.

Mr. Rotnem refers to a certain time in the fall of 1926 when he was editing a paper and was asked to write an editorial about 8000 circulation and states that he learned that the circulation was only 3000. He states another incident where a New York Monthly claimed 10,000 and had actually only 2800, yet this paper claimed that the Audit Bureau of Circulation had given them an o. k.

It would seem evident from his remarks that dealers can not believe the statements made by publisher and if Mr. Rotnem can find a way to learn actual true figures he will be doing a remarkable service to the dealer. We welcome any and all efforts to learn and publish facts as regards true circulation and by circulation we mean actual number of copies printed and mailed out each week to paid subscribers. Copies to Newsstands should be listed separately as too often many of these copies are returned unsold as is known to be a fact, by the big heaps of back numbers that are kicked around at most stamp club annual meets.

It has long been our belief that the American Stamp Dealers Association should make it their business to send questionnaires to all publishers and invite information that should be distributed to prospective advertisers and we do believe that the ASDA should make it its business to check and verify the information supplied by the publishers with the view of certifying that such information as supplied is authentic.

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1889 — 1939

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These states were admitted to Statehood in the Month of November at four different dates in the year 1889. The stamp will honor the fiftieth anniversary of Statehood for the four states. Altho we do not know, we presume that the stamp will be issued first day in each of the different states. However, since each State was admitted on different dates, the collector will probably want to get first day covers from each state on the day of first day issue as well as get a cover from each state on the date on which that state was admitted to Statehood. Such a collection of these covers will be of much historical interest.

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There will be a set of four covers, each showing a state seal and another set of four covers, probably symbolic of the different states. In addition there will be another single cover which embodies the entire four states in one emblem.

All orders which are on hand for filling on our subscription plan will be filled with this latter cover which will be suitable for use in any state. Then those who wish additional covers for different states may order the set of eight covers at the special price at which it will be offered. This plan will give all an opportunity to get just the envelopes they may desire for this new stamp.

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